

## BIRD NOTES.

A large number of nests have been found this year. Three pairs of chaffinches have built in the garden—one in the fork of the laburnum tree on the drive, another in the hedge on the way to the kitchen garden, and the prettiest of all close by, between the branch of an apple tree and the wall. This was an exceptionally pretty structure, made of wool very closely set, into which moss and lichens of various colours were deftly woven. The outside was cleverly decorated with bits of lichen and bark imitating the tree. The whole was ornamented by a few spider's webs. Inside, the wool was even more closely felted than outside, and this was covered with hairs amongst which were a few feathers. The eggs were five in number, and were streaked and spotted with purplish-brown.

A pair of willow-warblers built at the end of the Terrace. The nest was cunningly hid amongst some ivy; indeed, so exactly did the top resemble its surroundings that we should never have discovered the nest had we not watched the little bird carrying grass in its mouth. In about a month seven tiny eggs were in the nest. Three days after we found shells broken in a peculiar way, as if some animal had sucked the eggs.

We have also found the nests of a spotted fly-catcher, a blue-tit, a golden-crested wren, several hedge-sparrows, a jenny-wren, a robin, as well as those of the thrush and the black-bird.

A little earlier in the year the songs of birds were heard all day long. The garden-warbler rippled on like a brook from three in the morning till quite late at night. How curious it is that, although the thrush, the black-bird, the chaffinch, the willow-warbler all sing at once, there never is a discord. We seldom hear our gifted songsters now, for they are all too busy educating their offspring.

## A SURREY FLOWER LIST FOR MAY AND EARLY JUNE.

### ACERACEÆ.

- Acer campestre*, maple
- Acer pseudo platanus*, sycamore

### CRUCIFERÆ.

- Alliaria officinalis*, garlic mustard
- Capsella bursa pastoris*, shepherd's purse
- Cardamine hirsuta*, hairy bitter-cress
- Cardamine pratensis*, ladies' smock (cuckoo flower)
- Nasturtium officinale*, common watercress
- Sysymbrium officinale*, hedge mustard
- Brassica campestris*, field mustard

### ARACEÆ.

- Arum maculatum*, cuckoo pint

### COMPOSITÆ.

- Bellis perennis*, common daisy
- Senecio vulgaris*, groundsel
- Sonchus oleraceus*, sow thistle
- Leontodon taraxacum*, dandelion
- Hieracium pilosella*, mouse-eared hawkweed
- Hypo-chæris radicata*, cat's ear
- Crepis ierens*, smooth crepis
- Hieracium umbellatum*, umbellatæ hawkweed
- Erigeron acris*, blue flea bane
- Matricaria chamomilla*, fever few
- Matricaria inodora*, scentless May-weed

### AMENTACEÆ.

- Betula alba*, common birch
- Castanea*, horse chestnut

### CYPERACEÆ.

- Carex praecox*, vernal carex
- „ *pendula*, pendulous carex
- „ *cæpitosa*, tufted carex
- Eriophorum polystadum*, cotton grass
- Carix stellata*, star carix
- Carex caespitosa*, tufted carix



## UMBELLIFERÆ.

- Chærophylloides sylvestre, wild chervil  
 Sanicula europæa, wood sanicle  
 Scandix pricox, Venus comb or shepherd's needle  
 Bunium (conopodium), pignut  
 Ægopodium podagraria, gout-weed  
 Chærophylloides anthriscus, burr chervil

## GMNOSPERM.

- Equisetum arvense, horse-tail

## GERANIACEÆ.

- Erodium cicutarium, common stork's bill  
 Geranium Robertianum, herb Robert

## LABIATÆ.

- Lamium album, white dead nettle  
 „ galeobdolon, yellow archangel  
 „ purpurium, red dead nettle  
 Nepeta glechoma, ground ivy

## PLANTAGINACEÆ.

- Plantago lanceolata, ribwort plantain  
 „ coronopus, Buch's horn plantain

## ROSACEÆ.

- Fragaria vesca, strawberry  
 Potentilla verna, spring potentil  
 Prunus padus, bird cherry  
 „ spinosa, sloe  
 Pyrus malus, crab apple  
 Cratægus oxyacantha, hawthorn  
 Prunus avium, wild cherry  
 Potentilla anserina, silver weed  
 Poterium sanguisorba, salad burnet  
 Geum urbanum, yellow avens

## OLEACEÆ.

- Fraxinus excelsior, ash

## JUNCACEÆ.

- Luzula pilosa, woodrush (chimney sweeps)

## BORAGINACEÆ.

- Myosotis arvensis, field forget-me-not  
 Lycopsis arvensis, small bugloss  
 Lithospermum arvense, corn gromwell

## POLYGALACEÆ.

- Polygala vulgaris, milkwort

## PRIMULACEÆ.

- Primula veris, cowslip

## RANUNCULACEÆ.

- Ranunculus bulbosus, bulbous buttercup  
 „ repens, creeping buttercup  
 „ acris, meadow buttercup  
 „ hirsuta, pale hairy buttercup  
 „ aquatilis, water buttercup

## SCROPHULARIACEÆ.

- Veronica chamædrys, Germander speedwell  
 „ officinalis, common veronica  
 Pedicularis palustris, red rattle  
 Scrophularia nodosa, knitted fig wort  
 Linaria cymbularia, ivy-leaved toad flax  
 Veronica becca bunga, brooklime

## CAPRIFOLIACEÆ.

- Viburnum lantana, wayfaring tree (mealy Guelder rose)  
 „ opulus, Guelder rose

## VIOLACEÆ.

- Viola canina, dog violet  
 „ palustris, marsh violet  
 „ tricolour, pansy

## VALERIANACEÆ.

- Fedia olitoria, lamb's lettuce

## LEGUMINOSÆ.

- Lotus corniculatus, bird's foot trefoil  
 Orobus tuberosus, bitter vetch  
 Ulex Europæus, gorse  
 Trifolium minus, lesser clover  
 Cystius, broom  
 Genista Anglica, petty whin  
 Ornithopus perpusillus, bird's foot  
 Trifolium fileforme, slender clover  
 Hippocrepis comosa, horse-shoe vetch  
 Vicia sativa, common vetch  
 „ hirsuta, vetch (tare)  
 Trifolium repens, Dutch clover  
 „ pratense, meadow clover  
 „ album, Dutch clover  
 Anthyllis vulneraria, kidney vetch



## ORCHIDACEÆ.

- Orchis masculata, early purple orchis
- Aceras anthropophora, man orchis
- Listera ovata, twayblade
- Orchis muscigera, fly orchis
- „ masculata, spotted orchis
- Cephalanthera magus, white hilleborine

## GRAMINEÆ.

- Melica uniflora, wood melick grass
- Poa annua, annual meadow grass
- Aira, wavey aira
- Cynosurus cristatus, dog's tail grass
- Bromus sterilis, barren broom
- Lestuca ovina, sheep's rescue grass
- Calamagrostis, small reed
- Agrostis alba, common agrostis
- Alopecurus geniculatus, foxtail
- Briza media, quaking grass
- Poa distans, reflexed poa

## GERMIACEÆ.

- Geranium molle, dove's foot geranium

## ARALIACEÆ.

- Adoxa muscatel, adoxa

## RUBIACEÆ.

- Asperula odorata, sweet wood-ruff
- Galium aparine, goose grass
- „ cruciata, cross wort
- Rubia peregrina, field madder
- Galium mollugo, hedge galium

## EUPHORBIACEÆ.

- Buxus sempervirens, box
- Euphorbia amygdaloides, woodspurge

## CALLITRICHACEÆ.

- Callitriche aquatica, water star wort

## GYMNOSPERM.

- Equistum telmotum, giant horse-tail

## CARYOPHYLLACEÆ.

- Lychnis album, white campion
- Arenaria ulignosa, bog starwort
- „ serpyllifolia, thyme-leaved sandwort
- Mœnchia erecta, upright mœnchia

- Arenaria trinervis, three-nerved sand wort
- Stellana holosteæ, stitchwort
- Lychnis diurna, red campion
- Lychnis album, white campion
- Cerastium arvense, field chickweed
- Silene conica, corn campion

## CISTACEÆ.

- Helianthemum vulgare, rock rose

## CUCURBITACEÆ.

- Bryonica dioica, white bryony

## PAPAVERACEÆ.

- Chelidonium majus, greater celandine
- Papaver rhæas, rough poppy

## RESEDACEÆ.

- Reseda, cut-leaved mignonette

## LABIATÆ.

- Calamintha clinopodium, hedge calamint

## SAXIFRAGACEÆ.

- Saxifraga granulata, meadow saxifrage

## LINACEÆ.

- Linum catharticum, cathartic flax

## BORAGINACEÆ.

- Symphytum officinale, comfrey

## APOCYNACEÆ.

- Vinca major, periwinkle

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- Ilex, holly
  - Pinus sylvestris, fir
  - Fumaria officinalis, fumitory
  - Hedge parsley
  - Crested dog's-tail
  - Wood sorrel, oxalis
  - Alyssum calcinum, yellow alyssum